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SUBJECT: (C/NF) KUDOS FOR BIOGRAPHIC REPORTING ON  
PARAGUAYAN LEADERS

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¶1. (C/NF) INR/B WOULD LIKE TO COMMEND POST FOR ONE OF THE MOST COMPREHENSIVE BIOGRAPHIC CABLES (REFTEL) INR/B OFFICERS HAVE SEEN. THIS KIND OF DETAIL ON PRESIDENT LUGO AND HIS MINISTERS IS ESSENTIAL FOR INR/B OFFICERS WORKING ON A COUNTRY LIKE PARAGUAY AND FACILITATES BETTER PREPARATION OF PRODUCTS FOR SENIOR POLICYMAKERS.

¶2. (C/NF) INR/B OFFICERS ESPECIALLY APPRECIATED INFORMATION ON LUGO'S LEADERSHIP STYLE AND RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHER MINISTERS AND KEY GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS. THESE DESCRIPTIONS OFFER DETAILS ON LUGO'S ROUTINE AND DIET THAT ONLY OFFICERS WHO REGULARLY INTERACT WITH LUGO WOULD KNOW, AND ARE PARTICULARLY VALUABLE FOR BIOGRAPHIC OFFICERS.

¶3. (C/NF) INR/B OFFICERS THANK POST FOR CONTINUING TO PROVIDE INSIGHTFUL AND RELEVANT BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION. WE VALUE REPORTS THAT HIGHLIGHT LEADERS' OPERATING STYLE, DEMEANORS, MOTIVATIONS, STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES; AS WELL AS THEIR RELATIONSHIPS WITH SUPERIORS, SUBORDINATES AND ADVISORS. WE ARE ALSO INTERESTED IN SMALLER DETAILS LIKE FAMILY INFORMATION, Hobbies OR INTERESTS, AND HOW WELL OFFICIALS SPEAK ENGLISH. SUCH INFORMATION HELPS INR/B OFFICERS PROVIDE POLICYMAKERS WITH MORE DYNAMIC ASSESSMENTS OF PARAGUAYAN LEADERS AND OTHER INFLUENTIAL PEOPLE. BIOGRAPHIC OFFICERS WOULD WELCOME ADDITIONAL OBSERVATIONS ON PRESIDENT LUGO, HIS CABINET MINISTERS, AND HIS RELATIONSHIPS WITH CABINET MINISTERS, AS TIME AND RESOURCES PERMIT. MANY THANKS, AND BEST REGARDS FROM WASHINGTON.

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